

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY**

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**Meeting Notice and Agenda****Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy**

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**Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
Advisory Committee**

**Hon. Michael Berger**, *Chairperson, Designee of Hon. Frank Schillo, Ventura County Board of Supervisors*  
**Jerome C. Daniel**, *Vice Chairperson, Designee of Hon. Zev Yaroslavy, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors*  
**Arthur E. Eck**, *Superintendent, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area*  
**Elizabeth A. Cheadle**, *Public Member, Appointed by the Senate Rules Committee*  
**Edward J. Begley, Jr.**, *City of Los Angeles*  
**Jonathan Zasloff**, *Public Member, Appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly*  
**Hal Ross**, *Public Member, Appointed by the Governor*  
**Russell Guiney**, *Superintendent, Angeles District of the California Department of Parks and Recreation*  
**Steven Treanor**, *Designee of Secretary for Resources, Resources Agency of California*  
**Edward Albert**, *Ex-Officio Member, California Coastal Commission*  
**Steve Horn**, *Ex-Officio Member, State Coastal Conservancy*

**Senator Sheila Kuehl**, *Legislative Member*  
**Senator Gloria Romero**, *Legislative Member*  
**Senator Jack Scott**, *Legislative Member*  
**Assemblymember Jackie Goldberg**, *Legislative Member*  
**Assemblymember Paul Koretz**, *Legislative Member*  
**Assemblymember Fran Pavley**, *Legislative Member*

**Joseph T. Edmiston**, *AICP, Executive Director*  
**Belinda V. Faustinos**, *Chief Deputy Director*

**John A. Saurenman**, *Supervising Deputy Attorney General*  
**Nedra E. Austin**, *Deputy Attorney General*

**Date:** July 23, 2001

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. — Meeting Convenes  
Public Testimony 8:00 p.m. to conclusion or 9:00 p.m. — whichever is earlier; Conservancy and Advisory Committee deliberations — 9:00 p.m. or at the conclusion of the public testimony to adjournment.

**Location:** Los Angeles River Center and Gardens  
570 West Avenue Twenty-Six  
Los Angeles, California 90065

**Field Trip:** A field trip is scheduled that will take visitors past the Cornfields, up into Elysian Park to get an overview of the watershed, then north to the Arroyo Seco for a short hike along both a restored and natural part of the stream.

**Directions to Field Trip:**

Meet at the Los Angeles River Center & Gardens at 4:30 p.m. (directions below). Transportation will be provided for members of the Conservancy and Advisory Committee, members of the public are invited to participate using private transportation.

**Directions to Meeting:**

*From Interstate 5 South* - Exit Stadium Way, turn right. Take Stadium Way to Riverside Drive, turn right. Proceed until Riverside Drive turns into Figueroa Street. Take Figueroa Street to Avenue 26, turn left. The River Center is approximately 1½ blocks ahead on the left.

*From Interstate 5 North* - Exit Figueroa Street/Avenue 26 from the Highway 110 North on-ramp. Turn left on Avenue 26. Cross Figueroa Street, the River Center is approximately 1½ blocks ahead on the left.

*From Highway 110 South* - Exit Avenue 26, turn right. The River Center is approximately 1½ blocks ahead on the left

*From Highway 110 North* - Exit Figueroa Street (the first exit on left after the Interstate 5 on-ramp), turn right. Take Figueroa Street to Avenue 26, turn left. The River Center is approximately 1½ blocks ahead on the left

**Dinner:**

Dinner will be provided for Conservancy and Advisory Committee members at 6:00 p.m. at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.
4. Minutes
5. Reports:
  - a) Chairperson's Report;
  - b) Coastal Commission Report;
  - c) Attorney General's Report;
  - d) Legislative Report;
  - e) Oral reports by staff;
  - f) Questions to staff.
6. Presentation and discussion regarding the draft San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Guiding Principles Watershed and Open Space Plan. (**Belinda**)
7. Presentation and discussion regarding the Arroyo Seco Watershed Restoration Feasibility Study by North East Trees and the Arroyo Seco Foundation. (**Cara**)
8. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

**Note: The period between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. has been set aside for public testimony. No public testimony will be taken after 9:00 p.m. The public hearing begins at 8:00 p.m. In the event that all speakers have been heard prior to 9:00 p.m., or upon completion of public hearing, whichever occurs first, the public hearing will be closed and the Conservancy and Advisory Committee deliberations will begin. Individuals will be allowed three minutes to speak and representatives of organizations/agencies will be allowed 5 minutes to speak. Speaker times may be reduced depending on the number of speakers.**

9. Consent Calendar:
  - (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter of support for the "Re-Envisioning the Arroyo Seco Historic Parkway" program. (**Kathleen**)
  - (b) Consideration of resolution confirming letter to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names supporting the naming of an unnamed summit in the Verdugo Mountains as Tongva Peak. (**Rorie**)
  - (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Expanded Initial Study for proposed Liberty Center Commercial Office Project Buildings "A" and "B" at Agoura Road and Liberty Canyon Road, City of Agoura Hills. (**Paul**)
  - (d) Consideration of resolution supporting implementation of Mulholland "Core Trail," Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan area. (**Paul**)
10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. (**Joe**)
11. Consideration of resolution commending the California Department of Parks and Recreation on the Lower Topanga Canyon Acquisition and urging the Department to move expeditiously and fairly with the relocation of existing tenants and offering the cooperation of the Conservancy in the planning and initial improvements to the property.\* (**Joe**)
12. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority provide design, planning and improvement services to the Puente Hills Native Habitat Preservation Authority for the Arroyo Pescadero and Seventh Avenue Trailhead projects and approving related budget amendments. (**Stephanie**)
13. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of 64 acres in the City of Moorpark, APN 500-360-35-5, and 57 adjoining acres in the City of Simi Valley, APN 500-370-26-5, County of Ventura. (**Jennifer**)
14. Consideration of resolution adopting a comment letter to the State Plan Development Committee on the draft document

"Education and the Environment: A Plan for California." (Amy)

15. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept an offer of donation of 355 acres of land from Larwin Homes, Castaic area for possible future transfer to the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority. (Rorie)
16. Consideration of resolution adopting a comment letter on Bureau of Land Management reevaluation of project impacts and County of Los Angeles consideration of mitigation measures for the Transit Mix gravel mine project, Santa Clara River, Santa Clarita. (Rorie)
17. Consideration of resolution adopting a comment letter to the City of Glendale on the Oakmont View V project Draft Environmental Impact Report. (Paul)
18. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for an option payment on APN's 4449-009-001, 002, 003 and 004, and 4448-005-023, 024, 025, 026, 027, 030, 031 and 032 in the Tuna Canyon Watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County. (Paul)
19. Consideration of resolution to exercise first right of refusal on City of Los Angeles surplus property (APN 5549-018-900) 1905 N. Highland Avenue. (Paul)
20. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept the transfer of 80 acres (APN's 2821-008-032 and 033) in Brown's Canyon from the Porter Ranch Development Company as partial mitigation for Section 404 and 401 permits, unincorporated Los Angeles County. (Paul)
21. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A funds to implement the City of Maywood Riverfront Park Project Plan. (Kathleen)
22. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for planning and implementation of the Arroyo Seco Parkway Scenic Highway Corridor Plan. (Kathleen)
23. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for planning and implementation of the Arroyo Seco Parkway Scenic Highway Corridor Plan and approving related budget amendments. (Kathleen)
24. Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority FY 2001-02 final budget. (Elsa)
25. Legislation
26. Minutes
27. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Save Open Space v. County of Ventura (Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Real Parties in Interest)*; *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al.*; *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Mirharooni v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Malibu-Encinal Home Owners Association, Inc. v. Lechuza Villas West, LLP, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, State Coastal Conservancy et al.*; *Los Amigos de Caballero Canyon v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Nervik v. State of California*; *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Soka University of America*; *Sierra Club et al. v. County of Los Angeles*; *State of California, ex rel. Andrea Tuttle, Director of Department of Forestry and Fire Protection v. Southern California Edison Company*.
28. Members comments on matters not on the Agenda.

29. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

\*Coastal Zone Issues

**MRCANOTICE:** The Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will hold a special meeting pursuant to Section 54956 of the Government Code in conjunction with the Conservancy meeting.

Note: Written communications received by close of business on the Thursday prior to the meeting will be duplicated and distributed to each member. Information on agenda items will be available for review on the Friday prior to the meeting at the following locations: Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Brentwood Public Library, Calabasas Public Library, Encino/Tarzana Public Library, Malibu Public Library, North Hollywood Public Library, Sylmar Public Library, and the Thousand Oaks Public Library. The Conservancy may hold a closed session on any public hearing item pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a) and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code.

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